GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT DUTY ON NON FERROUS METAL
Majhi Shri Parsuram

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry on the import duty imposed on them;

(b) whether the Government have examined their representation; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to help the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry from the negative impact of reduction of import duty without corresponding reduction in import duty on raw material like lead concentrate, Copper concentrate and Zinc concentrate ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes. Sir. Government have received certain representations requesting, inter alia, that the import duty on non-ferrous metals should be restored to the rate prevailing before 2004-05 budget. The representations also seek import duty exemption on concentrates of the non-ferrous metals.

(b) & (c) The representations will be examined as part of the 2005-06 budget proposals.